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SUBJ: 59TH ECOSOC: ISRAELI OBSERVER'S STATEMENT ON PLO

1. TOWARD END OF AFTERNOON PLENARY SESSION, JULY 4, ECOSOC SECRETARY INFORMED USDEL THAT ISRAELI OBSERVER HAD REQUESTED RIGHT TO SPEAK. SECRETARY THEN ASKED THAT WE URGE ISRAELI TO BE BRIEF SINCE ECOSOC PRESIDENT AKHUND WOULD RULE HIM OUT OF ORDER IF HE EMBARKED ON LONG DIATRIBE ON PLO. DELEGATION OFFICER PASSED ON THIS MESSAGE.

2. AFTER FINAL SCHEDULED SPEAKER, AKKUND GAVE FLOOR TO ISRAELI REP, WHOSE STATEMENT WAS INDEED BRIEF AND DELIVERED IN MEASURED TONES. HE STATED THAT, WHILE PLO HAD TAKEN SEAT AS OBSERVER IN ECOSOC, PLO MEMBERS HAD TODAY COMMITTED ANOTHER ATROCITY AGAINST INNOCENT VICTIMS IN STREETS OF JERUSALEM. HE SAID PLO REPRESENTATIVE IN BEIRUT HAD CLAIMED THIS WAS AN ACT OF COURAGE AND HAD ANNOUNCED A STEP-UP IN SUCH ATTACKS. NOTING THAT ECOSOC WAS A BODY DEDICATED TO PEACE AND DEVELOPMENT, HE SAID THAT, WHILE HIS DELEGATION WOULD NOT ATTEMPT TO CHALLENGE PLO REQUESTS TO SPEAK DURING SESSION, HE WISHED TO DECLARE THAT SEATING OF OBSERVER FROM WHOSE DECLARED PURPOSE WAS TO DENY RIGHTS OF A UN MEMBER STATE WAS A SERIOUS

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POLITICAL ERROR.

3. AKHUND REMARKED THAT PLO OBSERVER HAD BEEN SEATED IN ACCORDANCE WITH ECOSOC RULE 73 AND CONSISTENT WITH GA RESOLUTION 3237. WITH NO OTHER SPEAKERS INSCRIBED, AKHUND QUICKLY ADJOURNED MEETING.

4. COMMENT: PLO OBSERVER WAS NOT PRESENT DURING ISRAELI INTERVENTION BUT PLO AND POSSIBLY OTHER ARABS MAY RESPOND NEXT WEEK. DALE

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